

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2013-172

REQUESTING THE HIGHER EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONDUCT A STUDY OF ALL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS THAT MAY BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND BE MADE AVAILABLE TO A STUDENT AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

BE IT PROPOSED BY THE HIGHER EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Higher Education Subcommittee of the Legislative Council conduct a study of all scholarship programs that may be administered by the Department of Higher Education and be made available to a student at an institution of higher education. For each scholarship program, the study shall review the scholarship program's:

- (1) Establishment;
- (2) Original purpose;
- (3) Critical need;
- (4) Eligibility criteria;
- (5) Total funding awarded by the department;
- (6) Number of students served;
- (7) Number of applications received per year; and
- (8) Number of scholarships awarded per year.

The study may include a review of how the scholarships administered by the department are utilized, to whom they are awarded, and the means by which any appropriation from the General Assembly or any other funding stream has or may supplement funding of the scholarships.

BE IT FURTHER PROPOSED that the Higher Education Subcommittee of the Legislative Council invite relevant state agencies as well as institutions of higher education or other appropriate entities to assist in this study.

Findings and recommendations stemming from this study shall be generated to assist the General Assembly during the 2014 Fiscal Session and

shall be delivered to the House Cochair of the Legislative Council and the  
Senate Cochair of the Legislative Council no later than November 15, 2013.

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